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1. THE VICE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, DR. MARCO TULIO BRUNI CELLI, WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON JULY 11 AND POST REQUESTS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE WITH APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND POSSIBLE CALIFORNIA. THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT IS A THROUGH ORIENTATION ON THE US. POLITICAL SCENE.

2. JULY 12 & 13 WASHINGTON, D.C.: APPOINTMENTS WITH AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN, VICE-PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS.

3. JULY 14 TO 17/NEW YORK: VISIT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION AND, IF IT CAN BE ARRANGED, MEET WITH DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL LEADERS. ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN MEETING CARTER. ALSO WISHES TO VISIT COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS AND CENTER FOR INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

4. JULY 18 TO 20/CALIFORNIA: WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO CALIFORNIA IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR HIM TO SEE TOP REPUBLICAN LEADERS, ESPECIALLY RONALD REAGAN.

5. HOTEL RESERVATIONS DESIRED FOR ENTIRE VISIT. FLIGHT DATA
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FOLLOWS ASAP. IF IT IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE, TRIP COULD BE

STARTED WITH NEW YORK FOLLOWED BY WASHINGTON. BRUNI CELLI IS AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL FIGURE IN VENEZUELA AND SHOULD RECEIVE VIP TREATMENT.

6. FOLLOWING IS BIODATA: NOW 43 YEARS OLD, BRUNI CELLI HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF ACCION DEMOCRATICA PARTY SINCE HIS YOUTH. DURING THE PEREZ JIMENEZ DICTATORSHIP, HE WAS A CLANDESTINE AND YOUTH LEADER. LATER HE STUDIED LAW AND SOCIOLOGY AT CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF VENEZUELA AND DIP POST-GRADUATE STUDY AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. IN 1969, AT THE AGE OF 37, HE DECIDED TO TAKE GRADUATE WORK IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY AND OBTAINED AN M.A. AND A PH.D. IN 1972 AND 1973 RESPECTIVELY.

HIS PREVIOUS POSITIONS INCLUDE ACADEMIC VICE RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST IN CUMANA, 1965-67. AT THE SAME TIME HE WAS PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY AND LABOR SOCIOLOGY. IN 1961 HE LED THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION TO THE FIRST UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON CRIME PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DELIQUENTS IN GENEVA. BETWEEN 1963 AND 1965 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATIONS TO VARIOUS MEETINGS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA. IN 1968 BRUNI CELLI WAS NAMED VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA. IN OCTOBER OF THE SAME YEAR HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO BELGRADE WHERE HE SERVED AS VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1969. WHILE A.D. WAS OUT OF POWER, BRUNI CELLI STUDIED IN THE US. UPON HIS RETURN TO VENEZUELA IN 1973, HE BECAME HEAD OF A.D.'S RESEARCH DEPARTMENT AND, IN 1974, AN A.D. POLITICAL SECRETARY AND MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEN). UPON HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, HE HAD TO GIVE UP HIS CEN MEMBERSHIP. IN MARCH 1975 BRUNI CELLI TRAVELED WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ BOTH TO ALGIERS AND TO MEXICO.

BRUNI CELLI SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND HAS A YOUTHFUL, BUSINESS-LIKE APPEARANCE. HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A PERSON "DEDICATED WITH PASSION TO THE STUDY OF POLITICS."

7. CLEARANCE OBTAINED. WOULD APPRECIATE CABLED INFORMATION REGARDING NAME OF WASHINGTON HOTEL AND PROGRAM OFFICER HE SHOULD CONTACT.

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